

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 748
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Arthur Lorange on the celebration of his 95th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lorange will celebrate his 95th birthday on February 13, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a son of Warren County, Mr. Lorange was born in and has remained a lifelong member of the Centertown community; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, Arthur Lorange has served with alacrity as the Mayor of Centertown and, as the oldest serving Mayor in Tennessee and indeed this Nation, has guided Centertown smoothly from the past into the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life in Centertown, Mr. Lorange has been a member of various civic boards, county and state committees, the Warren County School Board, and the Masonic Lodge and is a Shriner and a Scottish Rites Mason, proving the depth of his concern for his community; and

WHEREAS, a longtime fisherman and spinner of fantastic yarns, this lifelong Democrat is the only surviving charter member of Centertown United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, 63 years ago, Mr. Lorange was joined in marriage with Irene Lorange and the couple's blessed union produced 4 children, Judy, Billy, Michael, and Roy; he is especially proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as his 11th decade approaches, Arthur Lorange is still an active and productive member of society, participating in all manner of various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Arthur Lorange on the occasion of his 95th birthday, commend him for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.